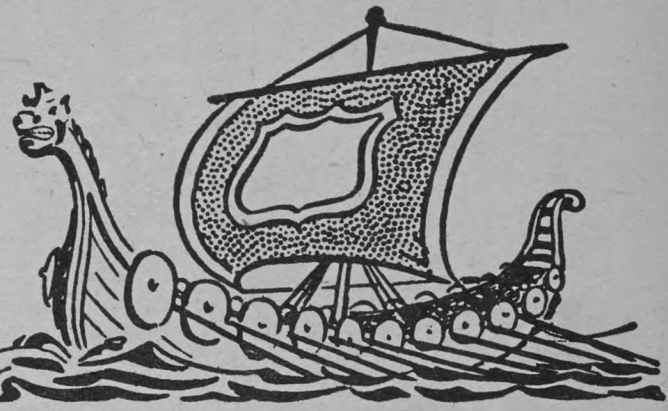




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Scandinavian Centre Flights

LABOUR DAY Salute To Labor

Monday, September 6th, is Labour Day. It's the last long weekend of a rapidly waning summer. Traditionally, it's the time to close the summer cottage for the season, have that last boat ride and maybe the last dip in the lake. For all members of Trade Unions, it is a particularly significant day.

Almost 100 years ago, April 15th, 1872, the Toronto Trades Association held a parade and a "working-man's demonstration." Nearly 10,000 people attended, and heard speakers call for the abolition of the law which decreed that Trade Unions were criminal conspiracies in restraint of trade.

The offending conspiracy laws were repealed by the Canadian parliament that same year. Soon pressure for legislation to declare a national holiday for Labour Day was exerted in both Canada and the United States.

Twenty-two years later, in 1894, Parliament enacted legislation to establish Labour Day as a statutory holiday on the first Monday in September. Canadian trade unionists have celebrated this day, "set aside to honor those who labour," since that time.

Travelling In NorSweDen

By Leslie Morris

AIR CANADA
WONDERFUL HOSTS

Going overseas on a charter flight in a DC8 is a thrill in itself, especially if it is for the first time. It wasn't only the trip itself that was pleasant but travelling with passengers with the same interests was a memorable experience and the service on the plane with Air Canada crews was undeniably wonderful.

I had known about three weeks before departure of the flight that my wife and I were able to go. It is with thanks to the Scandinavian Centre board of directors, especially the Flight Director, Paul Karvonen, that this was so.

During those last weeks excitement built up until it was hard to wait for the day to arrive. There were many things to do before leaving. What to take was one of the hardest things to decide, but we had been campers each summer for several years so we

Vera Nielsen Takes Over As Scandinavian Centre Flights Mgr.



VERA NIELSEN

Vera Nielsen, who has looked after Scandinavian Centre and the Danish Society "Dania" charter and group flights in the past, will take over as Flight Manageress for the Scandinavian Centre again, it was

announced by Flight Director Paul Karvonen. Mrs. Nielsen, who has done considerable work for the Centre, again returns with her talents in the flights field. She has arranged several successful flights in the past and is well-known throughout the Scandinavian community.

Mrs. Nielsen was also business manager for The Scandinavian Centre News for several years and is still correspondent for the paper for the Danish Society "Dania", as well as being secretary of that society.

Mrs. Nielsen has worked hard for the Scandinavian groups and especially for the Danish Society, and will be a welcome figure with the charter flights.

Les Morris, the former Flight Manager, will now have more time to devote to The Scandinavian Centre News and other related work for the Centre, as well as being able to do more writing.

CENTRE PLANNING MORE FLIGHTS

The Scandinavian Centre is again planning Group and Charter Flights for the coming year.

There will be two proposed Xmas flights to Copenhagen, one leaving on Dec. 15 for three weeks, and the other leaving Dec. 16 for four weeks. A total number of 45 seats on each flight has been blocked. The price is tentatively set at \$299.00 return.

Passengers will be flown to Montreal where they will board a Scandinavian Airlines (S.A.S.) plane direct to Copenhagen.

Two summer flights are also planned, one to Oslo leaving around June 10 for four weeks, and another to Copenhagen leaving sometime around the first week in July for six weeks. These two are presumed to be Charter Flights and will fly directly to their destination from Edmonton.

No further details are available at the present time as negotiations are still under way. More details will be announced later. Watch for the flight ads in this paper.

Flight Director



PAUL KARVONEN

Paul Karvonen is Flight Director and Vera Nielsen is Flight Manageress. Contact Mrs. Nielsen concerning the Christmas flights by writing her at 12424 141 St., Edmonton, or phone 454-5438.

CHARTER FLIGHT ROUTE OVER ARCTIC CIRCLE



Map shows route from Edmonton to Oslo over Fort McMurray, Alberta; Chesterfield Inlet, N.W.T. (on Hudson Bay); Clyde, on Cape Christian, Baffin Island; Greenland; and Iceland non-stop to Oslo.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Claus Jacobsen

FLIGHTS COMPLETED

With Flight No. 37 returned on Aug. 10 all flights have been completed and the charter program is closed for another season.

We hope the passengers on all three flights had a wonderful time overseas and hope they enjoyed the service of the air carriers. We hope that they had an all over perfect holiday.

If there are things you do not like in connection with any flights, please send a letter to the Flight Director at the Centre so that it can, if possible, be corrected in next year's flight program.

CENTRE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR REMAINS IN SCANDINAVIA

Director in charge of Centre Operations, Gary Johnson, is still travelling in Europe and will apparently be for some time yet. We wish him the best of luck in whatever he does over there.

SCANDAPADES '72

The co-ordinator of Scandapades '72, Bengt Kristiansson, reports that Scandapades this time will be a combination of film and stage show, something which has not been done in Edmonton before.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE SERVICE

The Scandinavian Centre is well known in the city when it comes to good food and catering service. The catering service has been improved enormously over the past years. A good caterer means a lot to an establishment where hall rental and catering goes hand in hand. Let's appreciate what we have and continue building up the Centre and its reputation in the city.

RADIO REPORT

Listen to the Scandinavian Show on Radio Station CFCW every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. — 790 on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Claus Jacobsen will give the re-



CLAUS JACOBSEN

port in September. If you have something of interest for the broadcast phone 489-1494. Another director from the board will give the report during October.

Ethnic Groups Endorse Policy

From Edmonton Journal

Premier Harry Strom's multicultural policy has been endorsed by 16 representatives of ethnic groups in the province.

A statement released by the premier's office recently said the representatives sought a meeting with the premier "to reaffirm their strong support for the government's proposed program of measures to preserve ethnic languages and cul-

tures in Alberta."

They signed a resolution stating that "for the first time in Canada a provincial government not only recognizes the value of diverse languages and cultures, but also proposes to provide leadership and financial assistance for their continued preservation."

Premier Strom said he was "delighted" with the support for the policy unveiled last month at a Government House conference.

A TRAGIC SHOOTING

From "Sweden NOW"

The shooting of the Yugoslavian Ambassador to Sweden, Vladimir Rolovic, 55, for which five Croatian extremists were arrested, caused great indignation in both Sweden and Yugoslavia.

As Sweden becomes a country of immigration, the new immigrants—Greek exiles, American deserters, Czech and Polish refugees—bring new problems along. Of the 40,000 Yugoslavian immigrants, only a small minority are Croats and only a minority of these are members of the Ustasha movement.

When two of them entered the embassy and shot the ambassador, the Yugoslavian Government protested that the Swedish police had not provided adequate protection, but legally Swedish police are prevented from entering foreign embassies and searching visitors. The Swedish Government expressed its

deep sorrow and strongly condemned the shooting and Prime Minister Olof Palme announced that police would be granted authority to search the homes of people suspected of harboring illegal weapons. He also expressed the hope that the event would not arouse anti-immigrant feelings.

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THE EDITOR SAYS

It's wonderful to have a holiday and I can honestly say that I had one of the best. I went on one of the Scandinavian Centre Charter Flights to Scandinavia. If you ever have a chance to go on one, take it, for I know you, too, will have a wonderful time.

The trip lasted 27 days and I travelled through Norway, Sweden and Denmark, the three Scandinavian countries which I have named "NorSweDen". Follow my adventures through this land of the "beautiful people" under the title "Travelling In NorSweDen". If you've seen this part of the world before, then it should bring back fond memories; if you haven't been there before, then you'll find it fascinating, as I did.

Gary Johnson, Scandinavian Centre Operations Director, came along on the same flight and found it so enchanting he remained over there for awhile longer. It is his first time in Scandinavia, too, and I have asked him to write something once in awhile for the paper. His first communication is in this issue under the title "Travelling In Scandinavia".

The last I saw of him was at the Oslo Fornebu Airport when we were returning. He explained that it was an emotional and hard decision he had made to stay, but he is staying for a little longer, and perhaps for good. He was then on his way to Copenhagen.

If Gary stays in the land of his heritage, I hope he has success in whatever he does. I hope, too, that he keeps in touch with us here, for we shall miss him.

While there, I tried to make a few contacts which may result in future communications with some of the people I encountered. This would give me first hand informa-

tion about Scandinavia. I hope these people do write.

While I was away, I was very fortunate in having Mrs. Shirley Thorvaldson make up the August edition of the paper. Shirley was Editor of the paper for three years, but I called on her at a very busy time and I wish to thank her for doing such a good job. Our printer, Chris Rockley, also helped in a big way. Without such people to call upon, the paper may not have been published.

Now that July and August summer months are over, I hope the correspondents and I will be able to make the paper a flourishing success in the coming year. Now that I have not the responsibility of the Charter Flights, I hope to be able to spend more time improving the paper.

I wish to encourage all those who want to write in with travelling stories or just write to me if you feel like doing so. I particularly would like to hear from any and all the people that went on Flight 37 to Oslo to tell me of their experiences and even just to say hello. Because we all had to get passports, and because we had to have a photo taken and we were given three as a rule, I would like you to send in the extra picture of yourself with your letter so that I may know and remember who you are. In any case I would be pleased to hear from you telling me how you enjoyed the trip.

There are other charter and group flights coming up for the next season. If you can possibly do so, plan to take one this coming year.

Before I say "farvel" or "farväl" I would just like to remind the correspondents that the 15th of the month is the deadline for their material. Thank you.

"Scandapades '72" Arrangements Starting Early

Co-ordinator



BENGT KRISTIANSSON

wan, Manitoba, North Dakota and Montana.

Other officers are needed and will be announced later. Anyone interested in helping with Scandapades '72, contact Bengt Kristiansson at phone number 439-1401 or 439-0051.

I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND

Submitted by Alma Samuelson

I see you at the meetings,
But you never say hello;
You're busy all the time you're there
With those you already know.
I sit amongst the people
And yet I'm a lonesome guy.
The new folks are as strange as I,
You old members pass me by.
Why can't you nod and say hello,
And stop and shake my hand,
Then go and sit among your friends,
Now, that I understand.
I'll be at your next meeting,
Perhaps a nice hour to spend,
Please introduce yourself to me,
I want to be your friend.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Rose Svidal

Second Annual Western Barbeque and Dance, September 18: Get out your western 'duds', get your "pardner" and sashay on over to the Scandinavian Centre for one of the real fun events of the year. Last year, all who came, had a "rip snorten" good time. Don't miss this season's opener and the chance to say "Howdy" to all your friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Enevold and family are settled in their new country home between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan.

The Anders Anderson family have returned from their vacation in the Rocky Mountains.

Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, accompanied by Mrs. Irene Hovde, enjoyed an extensive motor trip to the interior of B.C. While in Pen-ticton, they visited Mr. Arneberg, well known to many in Edmonton as an outstanding Norwegian folk dancer.

Among the enjoyable activities of the Bernard Olafson family was a sojourn to Betty McKevitt's summer home at Alberta Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Searl enjoyed a west coast holiday with their daughter, Anita.

Visitors to the Saskatchewan Homecoming were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lineham. While in Saskatchewan they visited with Mrs. Lineham's mother and many other relatives and friends.

Other Saskatchewan Homecoming visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Emeth Clark accompanied by their daughter, Susan. Mr. Clark had a delightful surprise when he met his grade one teacher whom he had not seen since he was her pupil.

Mr. and Mrs. Inge Anderson and their family holidayed on the west coast. En route they spent time in Banff.

Mrs. Tora Anderson flew to Norway for her holiday visiting family and friends there.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Aasgard at a summer party were two ladies with the same name, Miss Kirsti Jordet, from Norway. One of the Misses Jordet is a sister of a cousin of Knut Jordet, formerly of Edmonton now residing in Calgary.

Visitors to Swift Current, Sask., were Mrs. Orla Tychsen and her two children.

Mr. Ellsworth Halberg and family spent their holiday in the Salmon Arm area of B.C.

Rocky Mountain visitors during August were Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal and the boys.

Mrs. Mina MacDonald accompanied by her son, Jim, motored to Michigan, North Dakota, to join in the family celebration of her sister's 50th wedding anniversary.

Among the many who visited Norway this summer were Mrs. Inger Borgerson and her son, John Erik.

South Dakota visitors during the summer were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan. Mrs. Logan later visited with her daughter, Valerie Johnson, in High Prairie.

Mrs. John Iverson and Penny spent a few days in Red Deer recently.

Dr. and Mrs. Byrnes Fleuty and family enjoyed a holiday on a houseboat in B.C. waters.

Sig Sorenson was a patient at the University of Alberta Hospital recently. We are happy to report that he is home again and feeling fine.

Delighting Edmonton audiences during Klondike were Mrs. Irene Hovde and Mr. Carl Elgestrand.

Soon to be released under the London label is Olaf Sveen's latest record titled "Olaf Sveen Plays for Sons of Norway". The records will be available through the Sons of Norway office, 1910 Centennial Building.

Congratulations to Penny and Ian Iverson, Danny Lineham and Bonnie Stead on their very fine performance on the "Dance Show" on Channel 11, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. The two couples representing "Dancers of the Midnight Sun" danced the "Rhineland" under the direction of Mrs. Clara Lineham.

All who attended the Sons of Norway Klondike Dance will recall with pleasure the very fine lunch. Godfrey Vold was the chef who prepared the superb beef, not Stella's catering as was reported in error in the last issue. A special tip of the hat to Betty and Merle Travis and Marjorie and Leif Verklund who were in charge of arrangements for the very successful Klondike Dance.

All good Vikings and their friends will want to plan to attend Leif Erikson Night in October. In charge of arrangements are Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson and Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal.

Card of Thanks
In Appreciation
"A special 'thank you' to all who sent floral tributes, cards, greetings and who made personal visits to me while hospitalized. Please accept my deepest appreciation for your thoughtfulness and consideration during my recent illness."
Sincerely,
Sig Sorenson

The correspondent for September is Mrs. Dorothy Willmore. Phone her at 482-2939 with news before Sept. 15.

A Summing-Up
From Norway
Erik Brofoss is remembered almost fondly by Norwegians as the longtime finance minister who made this observation: "It's just unbelievable what people will stand for by way of taxes once they get used to them". He retired after 16 years as governor of the Bank of Norway to become an executive in the World Bank, he followed up with this: "It's just unbelievable what people think they can get by way of public services without paying for them." Thus spake a Scandinavian in the know.

FREDRIK JOHN JANSEN DIES
AFTER LONG ILLNESS

By Min Hafso

Mr. Bjorn Wibe tells us of a Norwegian born man whose name was Fredrik John Jansen. He was in Edmonton for some time and while in hospital and nursing home asked for visitors.

Mr. Jansen was a lonely man without family or relatives here, and had a hard time with his illness as well as having lost both legs. He sat in his wheelchair and was hoping to get better so he could get out in the sunshine and smell the freshness of summer.

Mr. Wibe reports that Mr. Jansen always had a smile when some one came to see him, but company for him was seldom.

Mr. Jansen went home on June 6 with only the doctor and nurses around. Depression and this sickness he had, however, was too much for his heart.

Rev. E. O. Walker, although he did not know Mr. Jansen, made it possible to have a very nice funeral for him.

On behalf of the late Mr. Jansen and his relatives in Norway, Mr. Wibe wishes to thank Rev. Walker, Mr. H. Fjellheim, Mr. Gunner Cathe, Norwegian Consul Arne Johannessen, and Dir. Fourth District Sons of Norway, Mr. Knut Svidal, for their expressions of sympathy.

Beautiful Norwegian Training Ship
In Financial Trouble

From "Scandinavian Times" has been to train 300 boys in seamanship every year along with winning more than her share of ocean races.

The trouble, as so often, was money. Until the beginning of this year, the Norwegian government paid Radich's operating costs. But the ship, classified as a "private school," was affected by new legislation which meant that 15 per cent of 1971 costs of \$2.25 million would not be covered.

Collections were organized to raise enough money to keep the grand ship under the Norwegian flag. There would be plenty of eager foreign buyers should the effort fail, with standing bids in from both the U.S. and Britain. But this tall ship would somehow seem less proud under foreign colors, even were they red, white and blue like Norway's.

Sad news also came from Norway when it was learned that the passenger liner Bergensfjord, built in 1956, had been sold to the French Line. Remaining in the Norwegian America Line's fleet of transatlantic liners: just the Sagafjord, built in 1965 and almost exclusively engaged in cruise traffic. This will be sole business of a new ship of about 26,000 tons ordered by the line for 1973. Thus passes an era even for the most quintessential of shipping nations.

Talent Continues
To Flow

Olaf Sveen, one of Canada's truly Scandinavian musicians and composers, has again come out with another recording of Scandinavian tunes.

Olaf's new long playing record is called "Olaf Sveen Plays for Sons of Norway". It's a London label with record No. EBX4165 and was released in August.

(Records may be obtained through the Sons of Norway office, 1910 Centennial Bldg.)

With him on the accordion is Gil Erickson - guitar and Carl Elgstrand - drums.

The record cover is also quite unique - it features, among other things, a Viking in full uniform.

Olaf says that his continuous outflow of compositions and records has been encouraged by the new ruling of the Canadian government (C.R.T.C.) which makes it mandatory for broadcasters, both radio and TV, to have quite a bit more Canadian talent.

SEPTEMBER DAYS

A hush lies deep on browning hill and plain,
The goldenrods are flares beside the way,
And in the stubbled field, the rabbits play
Unhindered through the weathered shocks of grain.
The thinning aspen, golden in the sun,
And dry, brown oak leaves, blown along the road,
Are now transmitting nature's color code -
One season ending and one just begun.
The crystal hoarfrost charts the coming chill
In silver lines that vanish with the dawn;
The evening finds the paint brush blooming still,
And every trace of morning's omen gone.
So gently do September's days converge,
They give no sign when changing seasons merge.

- Cecil Rockwell.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Martha Kay

The meeting of Aug. 7th at Vasa Club, Pigeon Lake, was opened by Chairman Lennart Petersson.

District Master John Holmlund and Annie Holmlund were visitors.

Members reported sick were: Elof Linden, John Jarrett, Oscar Carlson, Michael Skoog, Leonard Eliasson, Vi Watson, Winnie Pearson, Betty Pearson, Anna Sund.

We are now fortunate to have a new sign at the entrance of Vasa Club.

Doreen Nyroos commented on her and Lennart Petersson's attendance at Multi Cultural Conference. Our Cultural Leader distributed

pamphlets on different subjects about Sweden.

Linnea Lodge was appointed District Deputy by District Master Holmlund.

A new member was initiated, his name is Rolf Aslund.

Lunch was donated and served by Ethel Markstrom, Vera Staples and Martha Kay.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4th:

Regular meeting at Vasa Club, Pigeon Lake 7:30 p.m. A potluck supper will be held at 5 p.m. and cards or Bingo will follow the meeting.

October 2nd:

Regular meeting at the Scandinavian Centre, Nordic Room. The Merry Widows will entertain.

VASA GLIMPSES

Sincere sympathy is extended to Vera Hyde and family in the loss of husband and father.

The Eliasson family have been in the limelight lately. Lorraine who belongs to the Edmonton Strutters Drum Corps was in the Calgary Stampede parade where they won second prize, and here in Edmonton at the Klondike parade they were judged the best local special corps. Now she is on the way to Wyoming. Ronald has been on a sightseeing bus tour of the Drumheller badlands and Hoodoos, with his grandmother, Margaret Eliasson, and now they are on a trip through parts of B.C. Last but not least Leonard is recuperating from a back operation and seems to be doing fine.

We welcome Rune and Lois Anderson back from Sweden.

Ruth Bergquist is on a trip to Sacramento, Calif., to visit her daughter, Anna, and husband.

Andy and Ivy Ogren have been on a trip to Vancouver.

We had a real pleasant surprise party for Minnie Markstrom on July 11 at the club house by the lake to celebrate her birthday.

Gust Bostrom is visiting his sisters in Latuque, Que.

Bill and Irma McMaster have had a niece and nephew visiting them from Ottawa.

Margaret Eliasson had a shower for Lily Boyer's new daughter-in-law on Wed., July 14.

Wayne and Audrey Modin and family from Toronto were here visiting their parents and then on a camping trip to the Jasper area.

Anyone interested in bowling this fall please contact Clarence and Helen Berg. Bowlers are desperately needed.

Joyce Hawkes has taken off up north. Hope she gets back in time for the next Vasa News.

Anna Sund wants to thank everyone who visited her in the hospital and sent her such beautiful flowers, cards and candy.

Ed and Beulah Hinton have had company from England and they took them for a trip to Jasper Park.

Joyce Kay had a hair raising experience at her work in the Dairy Queen recently when it was held up at gun point.

Joyce Hawkes phone No. is 488-8774. Please let her know if you have any news for the next paper.

Alma Samuelson will never be the same after being surprised by seventeen members at Kay's Kabin, on an important milestone.

Don, Evelyn and Jim Johnson recently motored to Winnipeg where Don participated in a golf tournament.

Travelling In Scandinavia

By Gary Johnson

(We made it safely and Norway is great! Because I am contemplating staying over here for awhile, Les Morris has asked me to write a column for The Scandinavian Centre News as a sort of "roving correspondent" telling about my travels and places I visit. I hope everyone there is well and happy.)

Landed at Oslo, Norway, at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 15. The first big trip of any person's life is one in which the thrill is indescribable. Even when the Scandinavian Centre members boarded our plane at 10:30 that Wednesday night (July 14), many of us, especially myself, could not believe that we were going.

Les and Beth Morris were just as excited as I was and the excitement we enjoyed during the flight was fantastic. Very few of the travellers slept and Les and I took advantage of this to meet them all and welcome them aboard. Seven and one-half hours later we were landing in Oslo where it was raining for the first time in two weeks.

As I stepped off the plane, I experienced mixed emotions of happiness and fear. After we picked up our luggage from customs I boarded an airport bus for downtown Oslo and once debarked I was on my own.

I had not made any reservations and knew no one in Oslo so I experienced quite a lost feeling. A nearby travel agency found a hotel for me and arranged for a taxi to take me there.

Oslo is a bustling city about the same population as Edmonton, although it is like travelling back in time as they still have electric streetcars and the streets downtown are cobble stone.

The speed at which the vehicles move is extremely fast but I saw no accidents. The hotel at which I stayed was old but very clean. In fact the first thing I noticed was how clean the city itself was.

After cleaning up in my room, I set out down the street in search of a place to eat. At this time I still had not fully adjusted to the fact that I was here. The extreme speed of travel today is faster than the human brain can adjust to.

I found a tavern where I sat down and encountered my first non-English speaking Norwegian waitress. After I had ordered supper I was able to decipher my menu and discovered I had ordered boiled halibut which, fortunately, I enjoy very much. It was delicious and the serving they brought was enough for two people.

After two glasses of very good beer, the feeling of loneliness began to return and I thought of returning to my hotel.

Just as I was finishing my beer, a group of five Norwegians asked me to join them. They sure didn't have to ask me twice! All of them could speak English and I spent a very enjoyable six hours with them telling stories of my home and learning much about their home.

I would advise any of you travelling over here to wear a Canadian flag or show in some way that you are from Canada for there is some mixed emotions towards Americans because of some of their political policies. I was informed of this by these men and personally experienced this because two of the men were very reserved until I put my jacket back on and they saw the Canadian flag. It was as if I had just sat down! They started to talk a mile a minute and they were the most interesting people to talk to.

Together we journeyed to another tavern and drank and sang until closing time.

I promised to meet them again

upon my return from northern Norway.

I then returned to my hotel and fell into bed exhausted but much happier with my first day in Norway and I anxiously anticipated tomorrow's journey north to see my relatives.

Three glorious weeks have passed since I last wrote and every single day has been fantastic.

After arriving in Hamar, Norway, from Oslo, I located a cousin of my grandfather and I spent four days there. I was taken to meet all of his family and a party was given in my honor. It was really hard to believe but I was treated like a son.

Hamar is a beautiful city with a population of 15,000. It has many historic sights and two museums and my relatives made sure I saw everything.

The following Tuesday I was told that I must go to north Norway to visit another relative.

After a six hour train ride and 1½ hours by jet plane, I was in northern Norway.

On arrival at 2 a.m. in the morning I was met by three relatives with one able to speak English. We then took off on an hour's drive by car to Rorbakken, the place named after my grandfather's cousin. His home is 50 yards from his lake with beautiful mountains on all sides.

In his younger days Marcus Rorbakk was a captain of a Norwegian fishing boat and his biggest single love since retiring to Rorbakken has been to fish on his lake.

My biggest thrill was to row across the lake each morning and evening with him to his fishing nets to check the catch, and he catches some beautiful salmon and trout.

At 79 years of age he is in fantastic condition. We communicated on a very limited vocabulary as he can't speak any English but after a stay of two weeks I was able to speak respectable Norwegian.

Relatives came from miles around to meet me. It was so fantastic to see the interest and affection that they show their family no matter how distant they are.

Words can't describe the scenery and the people here. Beautiful mountains and lakes, fjords, small villages. They are a page out of the past.

Everyone wanted me to stay longer and as much as I wanted to, I knew I must move on.

When all the goodbyes were said at the airport, my heart was in my throat. If nothing else happens on my whole tour, these last three weeks have made it all worth while.

Next stop - Denmark.

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When you hang mirrors, glue small pieces of thin cork to the lower corners on the back. This prevents those "soiled squares" on the wall behind them which are so frustrating if you decide later to make any changes.

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What Fate The Swedish Crown

From "Sweden NOW"

While Crown Prince Carl Gustaf, now 25, has been being groomed for the position of king, not exactly a full-time job in these social-democratic days, Parliament has been discussing how to give him an even shorter work-week. Although there has been talk from time to time of doing away with the monarchy altogether, most Swedes seem to look with tolerant condonement upon their monarchy, whose members open exhibits and races, and add a bit of color to the weekly magazines.

Socialists have claimed that it is unfair, in these times of equality, that Carl Gustaf's \$30,000 annual income is tax-free. But it seems that bills that stand a better chance of being passed in Parliament are those that propose to tax his time less, rather than his income more. A committee working on a modernization of the constitution, headed by Governor Valter Aman, is expected to reduce what little power the King still has even further, since it is undeniably anachronistic in a parliamentary democracy in which representatives are supposed to be elected by popular vote — not just born by popular parents. At present, it is the King's function, in the event of a government crisis, to appoint a prime minister and this process will be transferred to the Speaker and Parliament and the King will merely "appoint" the man they've chosen.

The King's most important duty today is holding the weekly Cabinet Council, usually on Friday. The Palace used to be right next door to Parliament, but now that the latter has moved into a new building a few blocks away and since the Council is just a formality, because the Government has already made its decisions previously, the chairmanship will be taken over

by the elected head of government in the future, and the Council will be held at the Chancery of Government instead of the Palace.

Though the present King is a general and an admiral, his talents in these capacities have never been called upon and probably the future King Carl XVI Gustaf won't be burdened by these titles. But he may serve more peaceful international purposes, for the King receives foreign ambassadors, and Swedish ambassadors have his portrait on their pianos, and these traditions may continue. The King also presides at meetings of the Foreign Council and, since no decisions are made there, he may be allowed to keep it up simply to keep himself informed.

The King also formally opens Parliament at a fancy dress ceremony at the Palace on January 11 and reads the traditional "speech from the throne," dressed in his glittering regalia. In the future, the Prime Minister will read the speech and the ceremony will take place in Parliament, where the King will be seen but not heard. Whether medal-bedecked generals and ladies of the court, in their puffed-sleeved uniforms, will still be on the guest list is a matter of conjecture.

Changes of this nature can only be made if approved by two sessions of Parliament with an election in between and so the reforms are expected to be presented in 1973 and, after the next election, in 1974. As long as the present king "rules" no changes will be made.

So, subject to the decisions of his subjects, Carl Gustaf may become primarily a public relations representative for his country, free to devote more time to the discotheques and ski slopes he so enjoys. As for love, if all goes really well, he may even be allowed to choose his own wife.

A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

On June 10 Molly Cooper left for Stockholm, Sweden, on Charter Flight No. 36. Molly was accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Shaver of Edmonton, and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hafso of Viking, Alta.

On their arrival in Stockholm the weather was sunny. They stayed at the Sjöfarts Hotel where reservations were made through Marlin Travel Agencies.

As they all had Eurail passes they used the trains whenever possible.

They spent two days in Stockholm sightseeing, after which they went to Copenhagen, Denmark. There they stayed at the Imperial Hotel.

After two days sightseeing — famous Mermaid and Tivoli — they continued on to Germany and on through to Amsterdam, Holland. They did not have hotel reservations here so they stayed at a private home 20 miles out at a place called Hoofddors. This room was obtained through a local travel bureau.

A very fine young man who had rooms in his home and spoke English arranged a trip in the country to see the Dutch windmills.

After three nights in Hoofddors, Mr. and Mrs. Shaver left for Brussels, Paris and England, while Mr. and Mrs. Hafso and Molly went back to Copenhagen. After a two hour wait they boarded the train to Oslo where they spent one night with a cousin and the next morning (June 20) went to Egersund (approximately 400 miles south) and were met by aunts, uncles and cousins. It was nice to see them again, and this was the first trip for Molly's brother-in-law and

sister-in-law and was very much enjoyed.

On June 24 the two parties met again at SOLA Airport near Stavanger, Norway, and they spent two days visiting there. They then returned to Egersund on June 26 in pouring rain.

On June 3 they boarded the train for Oslo where they went sightseeing for two days, and then on to Stockholm where they spent two more days before returning home.

It was a delightful plane trip, excellent service, good food — all in all a memorable trip.

FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Sahuri

"We wish to express our most sincere thanks to all the friends and relatives for the kind expressions of sympathy, the floral tributes and the memorials in the recent loss of our dear wife and mother, Rita Salo. Special thanks to Pastor R. O. Olson and the pallbearers."

Osmo and Brian Salo.

Speedy recovery to Mrs. Sirkka Ristola who was in hospital recently.

Mrs. Maria Utunen, along with Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri and boys, made a very pleasant holiday trip to Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria visiting friends along the way.

Mrs. Terttu Majamaa and children were recent visitors to Edmonton from Port Alberni, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rama of Ottawa, Ont., were in Edmonton visiting with their parents. Clarence is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rama of Edmonton. They all were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rama of Calgary at the Radium Hot Springs, where they spent a leisurely week.

Deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Aili Louste and sons on the recent loss of their beloved husband and father, Mr. Asser Louste, who died on Aug. 13. Funeral services were held the following Tuesday at the Foster and McCarvey Funeral Chapel with Rev. Karl Keller officiating. Cremation followed.

In loving Memory of Valde Heinonen, who passed away on Sept. 18, 1970.

Han poissa on, mut' silti lahellamme, tuhansin sitein meihin liittyen. Kotihin ja liki sydantamme jai kaiku askeleitten rakkaitten. Always remembered by Elsa Heinonen, Kalevi & Taina.

The five Nordic countries will call upon 14 foreign states, including the Soviet Union, the United States, Great Britain and France, to join in an agreement banning the dumping of industrial waste into the sea.

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U.C.F. Expo Oct. 3

The United Community Fund of Greater Edmonton will stage its second annual "UCF EXPO" this fall.

It will take place on Sunday, October 3rd and will again be held on the grounds of the Edmonton Exhibition Association.

Last year's event, which was held on Thanksgiving Sunday, attracted an estimated 50,000 people to the grounds during the day-long activities.

Purpose of UCF EXPO is to give all the agencies supported by the United Fund an opportunity to inform the public, through exhibits and displays, of the various programs and services they carry out. It is the only United Fund exposition of its kind in Canada.

It is held during the annual fall UCF Campaign which this year gets underway on September 27th.

Lucky Binnie, one of the organizers of the first UCF EXPO, will be chairman of this year's event. He teamed with Dale Partidge, now Advertising and Public Relations Manager of the Edmon-

ton Exhibition Association, to put on last year's program.

Mr. Bob Lang will assist Mr. Binnie as co-chairman.

"We hope to make this year's show even more interesting and exciting than last year," Mr. Binnie said. "I think it is a wonderful thing for all the UCF Agencies to have this chance to tell the story of their work in the community."

Mr. Binnie said two of the added features of this year's UCF EXPO will be a marching band extravaganza and a "World Smorgasbord" involving the ethnic groups of the Greater Edmonton area.

Bands from Northern Alberta will be invited to participate in competitions held throughout the afternoon in the Gardens. Ethnic groups will be asked to contribute to the world smorgasbord by providing food dishes of their native countries.

Mr. Harry Lightfoot has been named chairman of the marching bands event and Mr. Sab Roncucci will be in charge of the ethnic food committee.

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Copenhagen Expected Youth Invasion

The Danes, having heard that Copenhagen is where the action is this summer for the youth crowd, braced themselves for it.

With youth fares bringing all of Scandinavia only a few dollars away, the Copenhagen municipality took unusual steps to welcome young travellers, to organize facilities for them and to give them "some understanding of Danish habits in daily life in order to avoid any possible conflicts".

A special newspaper called "Use It" was published by the Copenhagen municipality to bring together all this useful information, including some very firm counsel under the heading of "everything is not allowed in Copenhagen".

It's a good clear statement of the rules of the game and an assurance that everything humanly possible will be done by the Danes to make sure youth is well looked after.

Among the useful data in "Use It" are listings of three special information offices, nine youth hostels, two "sleep ins", 15 camping grounds, seven swimming pools, four public baths, four casual wards, a dental clinic and three all-night pharmacies.

"Sleep ins" are a new feature of the Copenhagen scene, provided to remove any necessity for youth to sleep in the parks which "Use It" warns against the traditions of Copenhagen.

They offer bed and breakfast for as many as 3,000 youths a night at rates varying from 80 cents to \$2.40 a night, depending on whether they include a bed in a refurbished warehouse or a cot in a tent colony. Standard in all cases is cleanliness and a copious Scandinavian breakfast. "Use It" is quite firm in drawing the line on conduct: "To many tourists Copenhagen is the city where everything is allowed — that is a myth. Even though many things are allowed, there are, just

DANIA DOINGS

By Vera Nielsen

Sat. Sept. 18 at the Nordic Room the first Dance of the season will be held. We hope to see you all for a good start for this season.

Our Klondike Dance was well attended this year and we had the pleasure of seeing and meeting many of the visitors from Denmark. They all enjoyed themselves.

"BIKUBEN" will meet Mon., Sept. 20 as usual.

Whistdrive for this season will start Sept. 14. From then on we shall meet every month until April 29 with a windup supper where the trophies will be given out to the winners. So come every month and be in on the high score. Looking forward to see more come out for these evenings. We just play the 16 games and wind up with a cup of coffee. You will still be home for your bedtime even if it is work-day the next day. See you on Tues. Sept. 14.

as in any other country or city, laws and rules to be observed. This may seem regrettable to the individual, but in cannot be altered."

Advise on conduct in Copenhagen is marshalled under such headings as "others must not be disturbed", "things liked by others must not be damaged" and "you cannot sell anything you want".

"Use It" warns that the rules are particularly stringent with regard to drugs: "The use of euphoricants is forbidden and anybody smoking hashish or using other type of drugs runs the risk of being arrested — and, if aliens, expelled. The selling of drugs is considered a serious violation of Danish law and any trafficker caught in the act can expect a severe prison sentence".

Hans Christian Andersen's Birthplace Still A Major Travel Goal In Denmark

Odense, Denmark's third largest city, with a population of 141,000, and the provincial capital of the lovely island of Funen, or Fyn, is one of the oldest towns in Scandinavia. It was named after Odin, chief of the mythological Norse gods, and its colorful history dates back to the Viking era.

To the world, however, Odense is the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, Denmark's beloved fairy-tale writer. The house where he was born in 1805, and the home of his childhood, still attract thousands of visitors every year.

Each summer Odense's favorite son is celebrated with a Hans Christian Andersen Festival, this year featured a month of performances of "Little Ida's Flowers," like many of his works a story told by children for both children and grown-ups.

In its sixth season, the festival attracts crowds from all over the world for four-long performances which cost a dollar for adults, half-price for children. The open-air show is held daily except Mondays at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., from July 16 until August 15.

Among the exhibits at the Hans Christian Andersen Museum, attached to his birthplace, are letters, including correspondence with Charles Dickens, original manuscripts and pictures, as well as his writing desk and other personal possessions.

Notable frescos depicting some of the highlights of the great storyteller's life decorate the museum's spacious main hall. In the library, collections of his tales in some 70 different languages attest to his immense popularity all over the world.

More mementoes, mostly from his childhood, are on display in the small cottage where Andersen lived with his parents from the age of two to 14, after which he left his native town to live in Copenhagen.

Odense's tourist attractions, it should be pointed out, are by no means limited to places associated with Hans Christian Andersen. The city has several other excellent museums, such as the Funen Diocesan Museum, which houses important pre-historic exhibits tracing the culture of the island up to and including the Viking Age, and a

fine art collection.

Visitors shouldn't miss St. Knud's Cathedral a magnificent 13th century church widely regarded as the very best Gothic building in the country. Among the venerable historical figures interred here is Canute the Holy, one of the earliest Christian kings of Denmark.

Funen Village, an open-air museum, scene of the Hans Christian Andersen Festival, about five miles from Odense, is also well worth a visit. On view here are thatched-roof farm buildings, half-timbered houses, mills, a smithy and other workshops — a complete reconstruction of a typical Funen village in the 18th and 19th centuries.

At Ladby, some 14 miles outside Odense, a big underground hall contains the remains of a 100-year-old Viking ship, discovered in 1935. In this ancient relic, measuring 72 feet long and 10 feet wide, a Viking chief was buried, together with his weapons and other personal effects.

Musicians may want to visit the childhood home of Carl Nielsen, Denmark's greatest composer, about 10 miles south of Odense.

Odense's central location, in fact, makes it an ideal point of departure for trips to any part of Funen, certainly one of the most beautiful of Denmark's 500 islands. The wonderfully scenic landscape of gently rolling farmland and beech forests is dotted with old churches, castles and manorhouses.

Coastal towns such as Faaborg, with its charming half-timbered cottages and tiny gardens, and Svendborg, an attractive yachting centre, are first-rate excursion goals easily reached by rail or road from Odense.

Visitors to Odense will find ample accommodations in the city's 12 hotels, including the Grand, with 250 beds, one of the biggest outside Copenhagen.

Den Grimme Felling (The Ugly Duckling), named after one of Andersen's best-known fairytales, and Den Gamle Kro (The Old Inn), are restaurants with particularly delightful atmosphere. Nightclub entertainment is featured at a number of first-class restaurants.

Odense is only a half hour flight from Copenhagen, or about three hours by train.

Hitch-Hiking In Scandinavia Easy

By Ann Laughlin
From Edmonton Journal (CP)

So far I've made it.

After four days hitch-hiking on my own in Europe, I'm unmolested, several friends richer, well under my \$5 daily budget and still fairly clean.

As soon as someone patted the flag stitched on my orange pack and said in English "Canadian, eh?" I felt more at home.

More warmth was conveyed by Use It, Copenhagen's efficient but friendly youth agency which this summer provided young travellers with tips on what to see in the city and where to eat and sleep cheaply.

Young Danes direct wealthier youngsters to private hostels costing up to \$2 a night. Most — including me — are booked into temporarily converted school buildings or a tent camp where 80 cents buys breakfast and a mattress for the night amid 15 youngsters of both sexes.

Called sleep-ins, these city-financed hostels are a clearing house for the latest on road tips, dating, trip experiences and prices.

Packsackers meet easily. Through a quick exchange of information on one city square, I was able to get free beer during a brewery tour, join a sing-song by a lake in a park, pub-crawl with a handsome American boy on a more affluent budget and find cheap but good sandwiches in Tivoli Gardens before trekking back to the mattress for the night.

Total cost for my first day came to just \$3.50 — not bad. I decided to head on my own for England

and The Netherlands.

Youth hostel bulletin boards abound with notices from men seeking female hitch-hiking partners — often essential to attract the much-needed motorist on the road.

Scandinavian drivers are leery of picking up male thumbs who may be carrying drugs or who may be out to rob. Motorists say this season has been an exceptionally bad one.

The motorists I met on a two-day trip across the island of Zealand, and after a ferry trip across the Aarhus, along the Jutland playground peninsula, were courteous, helpful and more than willing to show me interesting sights along the way. Not one made a pass at me but one dumped me when I didn't co-operate.

Aside from one American couple, all my drivers were men alone, either Danish or German.

When the first one slowed down 10 minutes after I joined a straggle of hikers in the mid-morning rain outside Copenhagen, I wondered whether I was asking for trouble.

But the face peering through the rear window turned out to be a smiling young Dane who apologized that he couldn't take me more than about 20 miles and bought me lunch to make up for it.

Generally, lifts were short, averaging about 40 miles, but so were the waits. On highways I was picked up within a half-hour.

Drivers helped my budget by offering me lunch or dinner. During one two-day travel, my chief ex-

pense was a \$2 ferry ride and a \$2 overnight stay in a hotel.

In Aarhus, a ferry base, on the east side of Jutland, the town's sole hostel was full. I wandered into what turned out to be a posh hotel where a clerk found me a dim little room to meet my limited budget.

A sunny morning's travel through the rolling farmlands of western Jutland, an afternoon on the beaches and I was ready for a restful 18-hour boat trip to England.

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thought we had the minimum figured out. We were to find out later that we had taken too much. We also worried about the possible Air Canada strike, but it would not have nor did not affect us.

Finally the day had arrived. Our transportation to the airport presented a problem until my friend and printer, Chris Rockley, insisted he take us. We were grateful. Prior to actual departure we spent with other friends, too, who had come to the airport to see us off. They couldn't believe it any more than we could. We all had a drink to our good fortune.

We boarded the plane through the covered loading ramp and found the purser and stewardesses kindly, pleasant and helpful in getting the passengers seated and comfortable. From then on pleasantness reigned throughout the whole trip, there

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and back.

We were leaving Edmonton International Airport on the Scandinavian Centre Charter Flight No. 37 (Air Canada Flight No. CO 72-14) for Oslo Fornebu Airport. It was scheduled to leave at 10:20 p.m. and the evening weather was a beautiful summer night - temperature 68°, scattered cloud, light winds and unlimited visibility.

We actually taxied from the ramp at 10:25 p.m. and lifted off the runway at 10:33 with not a bit of trouble. Observers at the airport said we took off at a terrifically steep angle, although inside there was little experience of motion for very long.

Our pilot was Capt. Ray Nelson with over 15,000 hours flying time, so we had one of the best Air Canada pilots possible. His aircrew consisted of Co-pilot Bob Lynch, Navigator Jerry Haynes, Engineer Rick Found and Observer Adolph Peterson. Capt. Nelson soon assured us that we were indeed on our way to Oslo, Norway. We would fly at around 540 m.p.h. at 37,000 feet. The distance to Oslo by our route would be 4,110 statute miles and it would take us an estimated time of 7 hours and 36 minutes non-stop.

Our air route would take us from Edmonton over Fort McMurray, Alta.; Chesterfield Inlet, N.W.T. (on the Hudson Bay coast); Clyde, on Cape Christian, Baffin Island; Greenland; past Iceland; then to Oslo. Although it was 10:30 at night when we left, it didn't seem long before daylight appeared.

Unfortunately there was a cloud cover below us most of the way and we saw little of the ground below. On our return trip, however, it was to be very rewarding.

It was soon after take off when Purser F. Keist and his wife and assistant purser along with the stewardesses became the perfect international hosts. All types of drinks were served to everyone at Air Canada expense and as often as you were capable of handling them and as quickly as they could serve them. One of our passengers remarked that he had been travelling by air for a long time but had not encountered such a friendly and hospitable air crew.

After about an hour in the air, champagne was served along with the most succulent filet mignon and entrees I had ever tasted.

Even though we had been awake approximately 16 hours already, would be flying for another six hours and still be only about 3:00 in the afternoon when we arrived, no one seemed to want to sleep. The excitement, the hospitality, the friendliness and the merriment was infectious. All in all, my wife and I would be without sleep for about 30 hours (except for a cat nap) before we got to bed in Oslo.

During the early period of the flight, as Flight Manager and leader of the flight, I was allowed to welcome the Scandinavian Centre passengers aboard over the P.A. system. Later on, Gary Johnson, Centre Operations Director who had decided to take the trip too, and myself went around the plane to see and welcome the people personally.

We had apparently seated three ladies who had requested as much room as possible right at the back of the plane against the back wall. It was apparently unknown that these seats would not even push back to make it more comfortable to rest or sleep. It was regrettable and I was sorry. I offered them other seats, but they seemed to want to remain where they were. My apologies to anyone else who was uncomfortable in any way.

Most people aboard roamed about at will and sat with others as they wished. Some even came up to the front where Gary, Beth

(my wife) and I were sitting to talk and chat.

I wish to thank those who did and especially those who told us what a wonderful flight they thought it was.

Soon after take off, Gary, Beth and I were allowed to go into the flight crew quarters and see what a DC8 looks like from the flying position and how the crew worked together. They were very friendly and answered our questions with ease and enlightenment. We came away assured in our minds that we had the best crew possible.

During the flight there was an occasional clear spot where we could see the ground or sea and both Gary and I took pictures as best we could under unknown conditions.

From the few notes that I took I see that we left the coast of Baffin Island from Clyde on Cape Christian at 2:00 a.m. Edmonton time, and Capt. Nelson had told us that it was only 45 minutes to Greenland. I remember we did get a good look at the snowcap on Greenland and I took some movies which showed it clearly. Soon after I fell asleep in my seat.

I was told later that two of the passengers came up front and played cribbage with Gary while I slept. Later, Gary went to a back seat and had a snooze.

As we neared Norway after I had awakened the sky became clearer and we could see the ocean and land, but as we approached Fornebu Airport it began to cloud over and rain. Leaving the plane was not as pleasant as when we had boarded what with the weather as it was and all of us tired and weary. We had not only lost sleep but we had actually lost eight hours difference in time between Edmonton and Oslo.

Having been unable to book a reservation before we left my wife and I enquired at the S.A.S. information counter and although Oslo was very busy and seemed to have no hotel rooms left, we finally were able to get a bed and couch at the Oslo Student-town and Summer Hotel at the extreme north of the city.

We took a taxi and it was our first encounter with a non English speaking taxi driver. I showed him the address the information girl had written down for us. He nodded and away we went.

I was leary about how far out of the way the taxi driver might take us, knowing we were tourists, but had I have known I could have stopped worrying because we arrived at our destination in quick order and at very little cost. I did not know this at the time for I had no idea of the money value but later I was to learn that taxis were not only reliable but inexpensive.

After booking into the hotel and packing our four bags and two flight bags to the room we were assigned up the street in the apartment-like buildings we freshened up and went for our first meal in Norway. After ordering I realized that I had not ordered a typical Scandinavian dish, but, of all things, Chinese food.

Later we went to our separate beds after having been up for some 30 hours.

I hope you will follow our journey through the part of Scandinavia I have named "NorSweDen", which is a contraction of the three countries we travelled - Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

We had a most wonderful holiday in these fabulous countries. Visiting a strange part of the world, not knowing the languages nor customs, presented many problems. I hope to give you our impressions as we encountered them and tell you of the many fantastic things we saw and did, so join us next time as we see Norway first.

Don't Pass That Floating Bottle Without Taking A Second Look

At this time of the year people can be divided - roughly speaking - into two categories: those who are boating and those who wish they could be boating. Everybody who has a boat can be found on the waters during weekends and holidays and everybody who has a friend who owns a boat can be found lurking nearby.

This, therefore, is a warning to all those who spend a lot of their free time on board a boat - sailing, motorboating, waterskiing, fishing or what-have-you: don't pass that floating bottle in the water before you take another look at it. It may contain a treasure.

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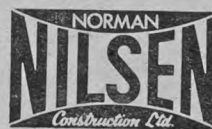
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BOOK REVIEW

From "Sweden NOW"

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN SCANDINAVIA, 1850 - 1914

by Lennart Jorberg

Trans. by

Paul Britten Austin.

134 pp. Fontana
Books, London

Everyone knows by now that Sweden has the highest living standard in Europe. And here we have a first-rate explanation of how the country got that way.

Lennart Jorberg is an associate professor of economic history at Lund University and his book is part of the massive Fontana Economic History of Europe.

The 1850-1914 limits were dictated by the exigencies of the series, but that period was in fact the most significant in Sweden's economic history, when it progressed from an impoverished backwater to a rich and technologically advanced nation. The book is a model of concise, readable narrative, gathering together the complex threads in Sweden as well as in the three other Scandinavian countries, and is without question the best book of its kind in English.

In the 18th century, Sweden was a powerful economic entity, due mainly to a dominant position in iron. However, in the mid-19th century other countries advanced and were more competitive. The Swedish iron and steel industry languished, about 70% of the population was engaged in agriculture, and the country was one of the poorest in all Europe.

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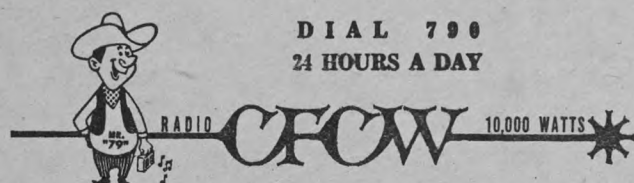
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INTRODUCTION

Olaf Sveen: The Northmen are known not only from the Saga and Edda literature but from their contacts with other people. These were often bloody and tragic for the other people. Last time we sampled the dark side from the writings of the Irish, English and French. This time the picture of the Northmen is not all that bad.

Dr. Tom Nelson and I will continue this attempt to picture the Northmen from different points of view.

Now, what about the Slavic areas? The Northmen would move up and down their waterways, too. Do we have something from sources inside what is now the Soviet Union?

Dr. Nelson: I have little. I wish I read Russian because the library has a number of Medieval Histories written in Russian and I'm certain there is information to be gained. We have one quote on the founding of Russia in 860 taken from the Russian Primary Chronicle (Trans. S. H. Cross and Sherbowitz-Wetzor, Medieval Sead. of America, pg. 59-60). It says:

"(860-862) The tributaries of the Varangians drove them back beyond the sea and, refusing them further tribute, set out to govern themselves. There was no law among them, but tribe rose against tribe. Discord thus ensued among them, and they began to war one against another. They said to themselves, 'Let us seek a prince who may rule over us and judge us according to the Law.' They accordingly went overseas to the Varangian Russes: these particular Varangians were known as Russes, just as some are called Swedes, and others Normans, English, and Gotlanders, for they were thus named. The Chuds, the Slavs, the Krivichians, and the Ves' then said to the people of Rus', 'Our land is great and rich, but there is no order in it. Come to rule and reign over us.' They thus selected three brothers, with their kinsfolk, who took with them all the Russes and migrated. The oldest Rurik, located himself in Novgorod; the second, Sineus, at Beloozero; and the third, Truvor, in Izborsk. On account of these Varangians, the district of Novgorod became known as the land of Rus'. The present inhabitants of Novgorod are descended from the Varangian race, but aforesaid time they were Slavs."

Also we have the Arabic sources which say the following in the year 922:

i) "I saw how the Northmen had arrived with their wares, and pitched their camp beside the Volga. Never did I see people so gigantic; they are as tall as palm trees; and florid and ruddy of complexion. They wear neither camisoles nor CHAFTANS, but the men among them wear a garment of rough cloth, which is thrown over one side, so that one hand remains free. Every one carries an axe, a dagger, and a sword, and without these weapons they are never seen. Their swords are broad, with wavy lines, and of Frankish make. From the tip of the finger-nails to the neck, each man of them is tattooed with pictures of trees, living beings, and other things. The women carry, fastened to their breast, a little case of iron, copper, silver, or gold, according to the wealth and resources of their husbands. Fastened to the case they wear a ring, and upon that a dagger, all attached to their breast. About their necks they wear gold and silver chains."

Mr. Sveen: Do we have any comments upon the Northmen's way of life coming from within the culture itself but not from materials

written about things that would appeal to court?

Dr. Nelson: Very little again, Olaf. However, there is one poem titled "The Seafarer" contained within the Exeter book which gives the grim side of seafaring. Many a Viking would have subscribed to the following lines giving the hardships of sailing to foreign shores.

THE SEAFARER

"The tale I frame shall be found to tally: the history is of myself. Sitting day-long at an oar's end clenched against clinging sorrow, breast-drought I have borne, and bitterness, too. I have coursed my keel through care-halls without end over furled foam, I forward in the bows through the narrowing night, numb, watching for the cliffs we beat along.

Cold then nailed my feet, frost shrank on its chill clamps, cares sighed hot about heart, hunger fed on a mere-weary mind.

No man blessed with a happy land-life is like to guess how I, aching-hearted, on ice-cold seas have wasted whole winters; the wanderer's beat, cut off from kind . . . hung with hoar-frost.

Hail flew in showers, there was no sound there but the slam of waves along an icy sea. The swan's blare my seldom amusement; for men's laughter there was curlew-call, there were the cries of gannets, for mead-drinking the music of the gull. To the storm striking the stone cliffs full would answer, eagle scream from throats frost-feathered. No friend or brother by to speak with the despairing mind.

This he little believes whose life has run sweet in the burghs, no banished man, but well-seen at wine-round, my weariness of mind on the ways stretching over the salt plains. Night thickened, and from the north snowflakes; hail fell on the frost-bound earth, coldest of grains.

Now come thoughts knocking my heart, of the high waves, clashing salt-crests, I am to cross again. Mind-lust maddens, moves as I breathe soul to set out, seek out the way to a far folk-land flood-beyond.

For no man above mould is so mood-proud, so thoroughly equipped, so quick to do, so strong in his youth, or with so staunch a lord that before seafaring he does not fear a little."

Mr. Sveen: Yes, and I find the complaint of Hallfred Ottarsson interesting. It is not a complaint about the kind of work that must be done but about what one must believe. Ottarsson was a court skald as well as a great lover. King Olaf Trygvason in one place calls him a "vandraedaskald" — a troublesome skald. Snorri says of him that he was "big and strong even when young, of manly appearance, somewhat swarthy and rather ugly-nosed, with chestnut hair and personable. He was a good poet, rather sarcastic, and of fickle disposition. He did not have many friends."

He was converted to Christianity by King Olaf Trygvason personally.

In the exchange of words to be reported Hallfred says that he has composed a "drapa" on him. The King says he doesn't want to bother listening to it. This rangles Hallfred who then says ". . . if you will not listen to my poem then I shall discard the teachings you have taught me, for those teachings are not one whit better matter for poetry than the poem I have made about you."

So we see that he has some misgivings about his conversion. He is in conflict about his commitment to Olaf which entails rejection of the faith of his forefathers. It is remarked that unlike many new converts he would not mock or speak ill of the Norse gods. His difficulty in accepting the new be-

lief erupts into history when he says the following verse within the King's hearing:

"Time was I worshipped him who well-skilled governs Hleidskialf: shocking shift, oh yes, in the shape of things we worship!"

To make the most of this, we must remember that Hleidskialf is Odin's mansion in Valhalla.

Dr. Nelson: Yes, to judge from the fact that his king was a zealous Christian, we must guess that Hallfred's declarations might have sent him to dwell in Odin's mansion in Valhalla forthwith. But it didn't work out that way. King Olaf Trygvason didn't show anger but only said:

"A verse bad as bad can be, and do better!"

He gave him another chance to keep his favour. This didn't mollify Ottarsson, however. To understand his reply we must again remember our kennings. In this case we must bear in mind that "Vidrir" is a name for Odin and that Trigg is Odin's wife. Do you have his reply ready at hand?

Mr. Sveen: Yes, his reply is still that of the pagan northman. He says:

"To praise thy power, Odin, poets have e'er indited sacred songs — for me 't is seemly to remember; loath I were — for well did Vidrir's might aye suit me — to harbor hate 'gainst Frigg's great-husband, Christ though serve I."

Dr. Nelson: This continued defiance would not do. As might be expected, the King says "You show a great liking for the gods and this is most blameworthy." Hallfred tries again giving a short stanza. Again we hear another Kenning for Odin, Odin being referred to as the "raven god" in Hallfred's verse.

Mr. Sveen: This is what he spoke:

"I have done with rites of the raven-god — him who honored was by all, but ever practiced treachery."

Dr. Nelson: The displeasure of King Trygvason is shown again. He says "this is not much better. Speak another verse". Ottarsson makes a greater effort and the king is better pleased. Still he demands another verse. The verse Hallfred creates this time is designed to display a spirit more proper to the Christian convert. There are a number of kennings in it, too. The "Nornir" are the pagan fates which determine the course of action for both men and gods. The term "blot" refers to sacrifice. "Niord" is a Vanir god. The "rood tree" is a term for the Christian Cross. "Svidri" refers to the god Odin.

Mr. Sveen: Here is Ottarsson's fourth profession of belief.

"Barred and banned is heathen blot in Olaf's household: all of us must shun the older rites of Nornir and forsake now Svidri's sacrifice for the rood-tree: Niord I am bound to abandon, bowing to the white Christ."

Dr. Nelson: This verse evidently satisfies King Trygvason that his skald now has professed a truly Christian attitude.

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